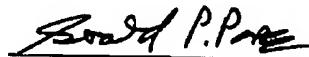


REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in this application. As a result of the outstanding restriction requirement, the claims of Group I are elected for prosecution in this application (i.e., claims 1-11 and 23-26). The claims of Groups II and III have been withdrawn from further prosecution in this application.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance and an indication of their allowance is requested. However, if the Examiner is aware of any additional matters that should be discussed, a call to the undersigned attorney at: (415) 318-1163 would be appreciated.

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